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heed

1 of 2 verb

'hēd

heeded; heeding; heeds

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intransitive verb

: to pay attention

transitive verb

: to give [consideration](#) or attention to : **MIND**

heed what he says

heed the call

heed

2 of 2 noun

: **ATTENTION, NOTICE**

Verb

[follow](#)

[listen \(to\)](#)

[mind](#)

[note](#)

[observe](#)

[regard](#)

[watch](#)



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cognizance	consciousness
ear	eye
knowledge	mindfulness
note	notice
observance	observation

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Verb

It may be possible to desensitize a cat to being petted for extended periods. ... A safer solution is to consistently limit petting time, and to **heed** the cat's cues that she's had enough.

– *Cat Watch*, August 2008

In-line skating is not for everyone, and even those for whom it is ideally suited can skate into trouble, especially if they fail to **heed** safety precautions.

– Jane E. Brody, *New York Times*, 2 May 1991

However, he should **heed** an axiom from the pretelevision age: physician, heal thyself.

– George F. Will, *Newsweek*, 17 Mar. 1986

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– Greg O’Keeffe, *The Athletic*, 20 Dec. 2024

Tragically, the child’s family **heeded** the mandatory evacuation imposed two months ago, but then returned and were in hiding in their home village at the time of the attack.

– Katya Soldak, *Forbes*, 17 Dec. 2024

Noun

So take **heed** from Bella Hadid and abandon your contacts for your glasses.

– Hannah Jackson, *Vogue*, 12 Dec. 2024

Big picture Amazon’s slate of custom chip announcements last week sent a signal to Wall Street about its preferred path forward in the AI computing boom — and Bank of America took **heed**, as evidenced by the downgrade.

– Kevin Stankiewicz, *CNBC*, 9 Dec. 2024

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Etymology

Verb and Noun

Middle English, from Old English *hēdan*; akin to Old High German *huota* guard, Old English *hōd* hood

First Known Use

Verb

before the 12th century, in the meaning defined at [intransitive sense](#)



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The first known use of *heed* was before the 12th century

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- 2 : to take notice of : **MIND**
heed my words

heed

2 of 2 noun

: **ATTENTION sense 1, NOTICE**

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